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Gene Wilson
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Dear Mr. Wilson:

This is a request under the Freedom of Information Act as amended (5 U.S.C. 552).

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I am writing as president of The Newspaper Guild to request a copy of any and all documents in your files on The Newspaper Guild, including any under its former name, the American Newspaper Guild.

If you determine that any portions of these documents are exempt from release under the Act, please inform me what exemption you believe covers the material you withhold. Since the Act provides that "reasonably segregable" portions of a file shall be released even if other parts of the file are withheld as exempt, I am requesting that you provide us promptly with such portions, whatever else may be withheld.

Please notify us of any search fees or reproduction fees you may charge us under this request. *Waive fees,*

Sincerely,

Charles A. Perlik, Jr.
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DESERVES ATTENTION

Robert U. Brown's published disapproval of The Newspaper Guild's acceptance of \$100,000 from the Agency for International Development for supposed union activity in Latin America deserves applause and attention.

This union action is reminiscent of the Guild's grabbing CIA-funneled money several years ago for purported missionizing abroad. Charles A. Perlik, Guild president, had no compunction then about taking government money and apparently has none now.

No one, except Perlik and top Guild officers, knows who ultimately gets the money. Guild members have not been informed of cash recipients, only lump sums allocated to general categories. Why don't Guild members demand an independent, outside audit of the union's spending of money from dues and government sources as well as disclosure of line-item budgeting? It's ironic that a membership which prides itself on dealing with facts and supporting the right-to-know meekly accepts the vaguest financial accounting by its union hierarchy.

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